Alleged assult on general secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association

2943. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some teachers and physically assaulted the General Secretary of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association on the 15th July, 1987;

(b) if so, who were involved in the incident and where it happened;

(c) whether the accused have been placed under suspension and if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No such incident took place in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Office. However, a written complaint was received in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Headquarters) from the General Secretary of the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association alleging assault, by some of the Physical education Teachers. It was stated further that he had filed an FIR in the Vasant Vihar Police Station.

The matter is under investigation by the police authorities, and the out-come of the police investigation is awaited.

(d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan written to all the recognised Association that their office bearers should come to the Headquarters by appointment. Further, the principals of all the Kendriya Vidyalaya have been informed that any member of the staff visiting the Head-Office should obtain a written permission of the Principal.

Polio Preventive Programme

2944. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of world's polio cases occur in India according to a World Organisation's report; and

(b) if so, what are the measures Government are considering to improve the preventive programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) According to the report received from the WHO, it has no information on the Global figures on polio cases. However, based on cases reported by Member Governments in the WHO South East Asia Region during the period 1974—86 (13 years cumulative) the number of cases of polio in SEAR countries is 2,32,703. For the same period the Government of India had reported 2,16,719 cases, which works out to 93 per cent of cases, in India out of the total cases in the SEAR countries.

(b) Government of India has introduced Polio Immunization from 1979-80, under the Expanded Programme on Immunization. Further to accelerate the coverage, the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) has been initiated during 1985-86 with the objective of achieving 85 per cent of the infants being immunized against Polio-myelitis, among other diseases. Number of children in the country immunised against Poliomyelitis is given in the enclosed statement.